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AMD. DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2004
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 1, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Asger GEPPEL et al.
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AND USE THEREOF
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Commissioner for Patents
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
AUGUST 1, 2003**

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on August 1, 2003, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including February 02, 2004, as February 01, 2004 was a Sunday. Applicants provide herewith a check in the amount of \$986.00, which includes the fee of \$950.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to cover the three-month extension of time fee. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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